GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the volume of spices exported by the country;

(b) if so,the details of the spices vvhich are more in demand in different countries;

(c) the quantity and value or spices exported to these countries during each of the last three years and the current year,country-vvise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to promote the cultivation or spices in non spice producing States;and

(e) if so,the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to(c): Yes,Sir.Chilli,Cumin,Pepper,Turmeric and Coriander are more in demand.Export of these spices to major importing countries is annexed.During the current year i.e. April-August 2008,the export has shown an increasing trend.The export during April-August 2008 increased to 223050 tones valued Rs.2265.25 crores from 198985 tons valued Rs.1950.09 crores in April-August 2007 registering a growth of 12% in quantity and 16% in value.

(d)&(e): The Government has proposal to promote the cultivation of spices in the North Eastern States which are suitable for cultivation of pepper,large cardamom,ginger and turmeric. During X Plan period,Spices Board had initiated action for area expansion in N.E. for large cardamom,pepper and organic production of ginger and Lakadong turmeric,which arebeing continued during Xi Plan.Large cardamom area expansion is taken up in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya,Manipur,Mizoram and Nagaland.During X Plan,1000 hectares had been brought under large cardamom cultivation and 1500 hectares is proposed to be covered during XI Plan in NE states.An area of 3010 hectare each are proposed to be brought under organic cultivation of ginger and Lakadong turmeric.Under organic production of pepper,500 hectares is proposed.Programmes for rainwater harvesting,setting up of large cardamom curing houses and training of farmers and officers of North Eastern States are also proposed to be implemented towards improving effectiveness of the area expansion programmes.

Commodity	Country	2005-06 Quant-ity	2005-06 Value-ity	2006-07 Quant-ity	2006-07 Value-ity	2007-08 Quant-ity	2007-08 Value-ity
Pepper	USA	6596.3	5368.5	13886.0	14408.1	14496.4	21149.9
	Germany	1346.4	1649.3	1406.0	1633.1	1690.7	2741.2
	U.K	1977.5	1769.1	2002.6	2048.2	1817.8	2583.5
	Canada	1064.4	801..7	1106.7	1261.8	1397.0	2119.3
Chilli	Malaysia	26804.4	8955.9	43625.4	25133.2	51782.4	30520.7

	Banaldesh	670.7	166.0	28424.6	15507.7	34678.9	16120.3
	Sri Lanka	27582.2	7482.2	21822.4	11228.6	29504.8	13501.1
	USA	16579.7	8592.0	13058.2	8382.2	19712.6	12956.9
Turmeric	UAE	7361.0	1963.5	7823.8	2042.4	5150.6	1442.7
	Japan	2608.3	1126.5	2631.9	1189.1	2797.1	1237.2
	USA	2634.5	1425.1	2460.6	1378.8	2648.6	1206.2
	Malaysia	2940.0	1028.5	2263.5	761.4	2895.4	910.5
Coriander	Malaysia	7529.6	2366.5	5898.7	2188.0	5072.4	2111.5
	UAE	328.4	712.3	3635.8	1091.1	4825.9	1849.1
	U.K.	1691.1	598.5	1818.4	781.7	2245.9	1003.4
Cumin	USA	1875.3	1582.4	3948.4	3182.5	3013.8	3202.8
	Nepal	3065.6	2062.8	3055.5	2377.7	2919.1	3116.9
	UAE	561.4	347.5	17675	1186.4	2840.7	2708.8
	UK	1604.5	1324.2	1833.9	1568.8	1860.5	2115.1